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FALL OF PARKER PART 1

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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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PETER PARKER: THE OFFICIAL MENACE?

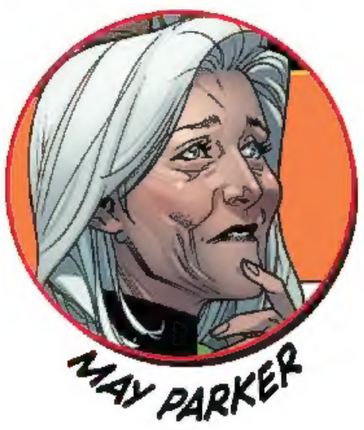
WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

AS FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF A MAJOR TECH COMPANY CALLED PARKER INDUSTRIES, PETER USED HIS SCIENCE ACUMEN TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT, STARTED THE CHARITABLE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION WITH HIS AUNT MAY AND GENERALLY MADE THE WORLD SPIDER-MAN'S FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHEN A VILLAIN THREATENED TO TWIST EVERYTHING PETER HAD BUILT FOR SELFISH AND EVIL MEANS, PETER HAD TO DESTROY HIS COMPANY.

BUT EVEN A DECISION MADE WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS CAN HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES...



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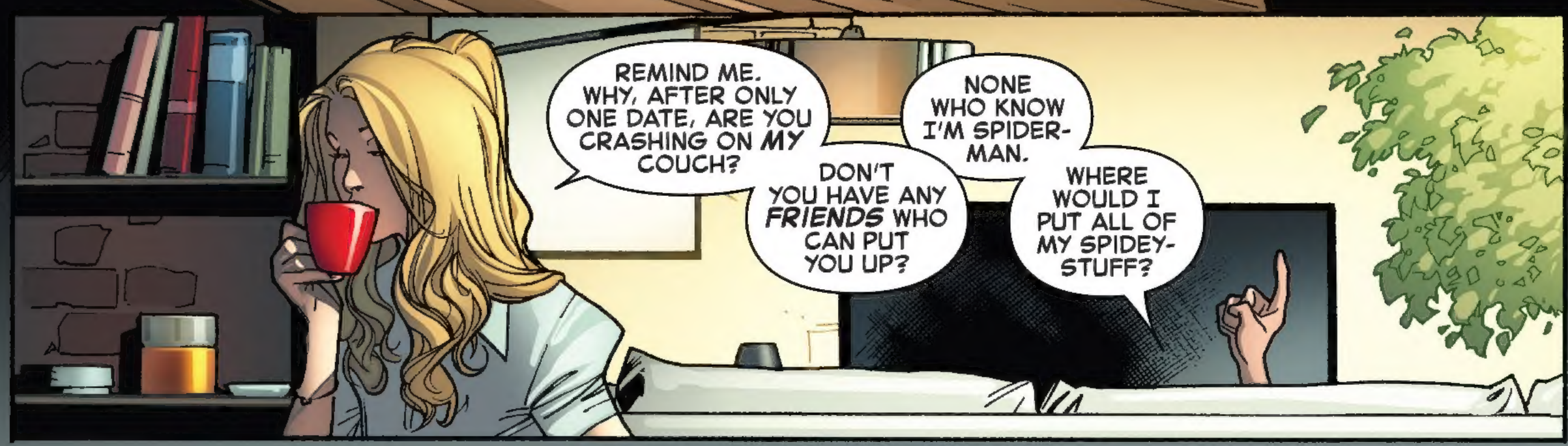
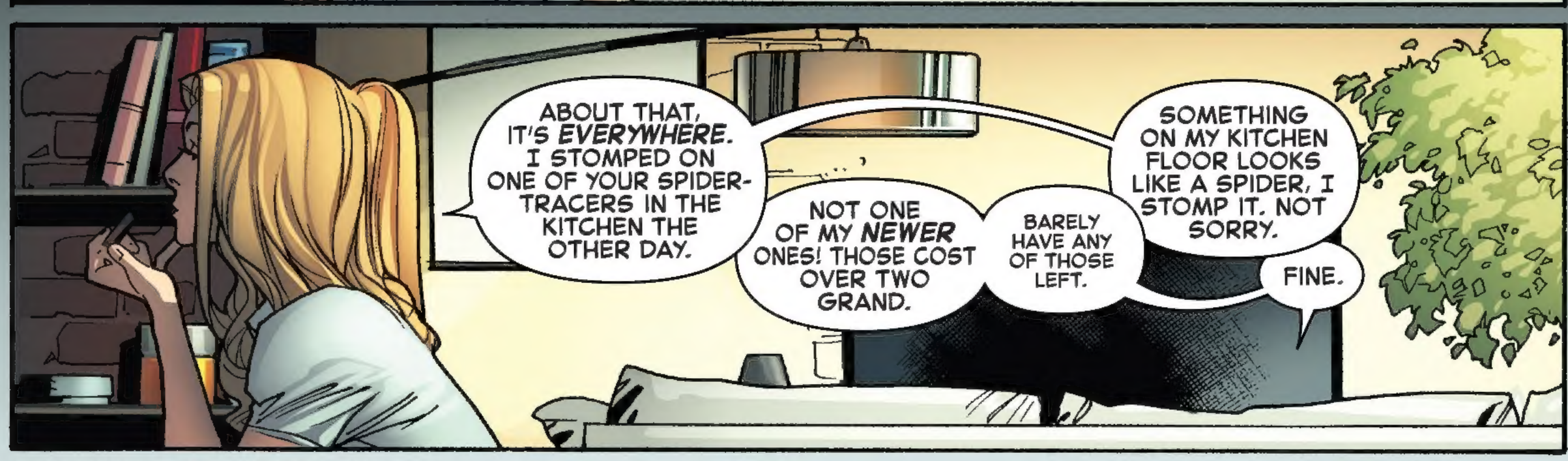
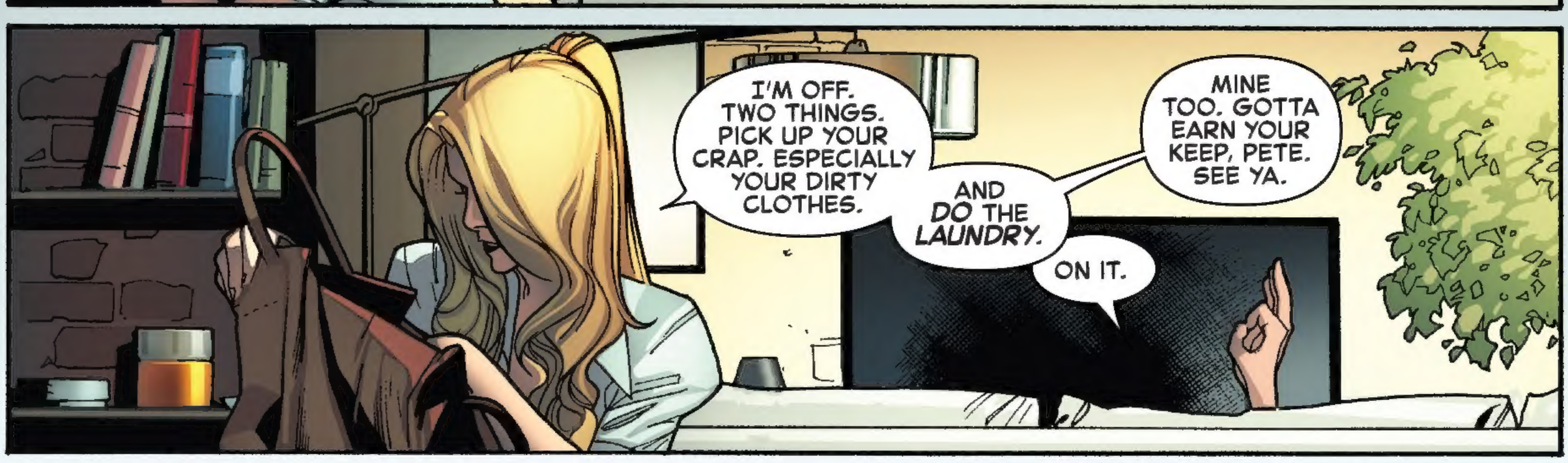
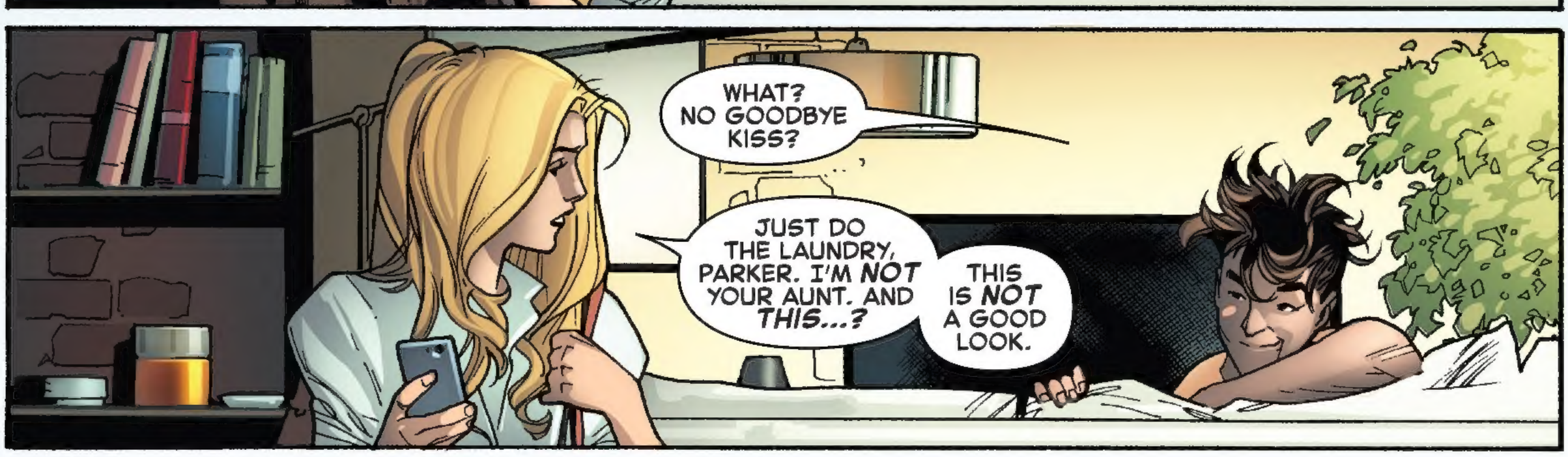
SOHO.
THE APARTMENT OF BOBBI MORSE, A.K.A. MOCKINGBIRD.

RISE AND SHINE, PETE.
GNNH.
C'MON. IT'S BEEN WEEKS. *I'VE* FOUND A JOB. NEW DIGS. *YOUR* TURN.
TIME TO GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE. BRAND NEW DAY!
DON'T. SAY. THAT.







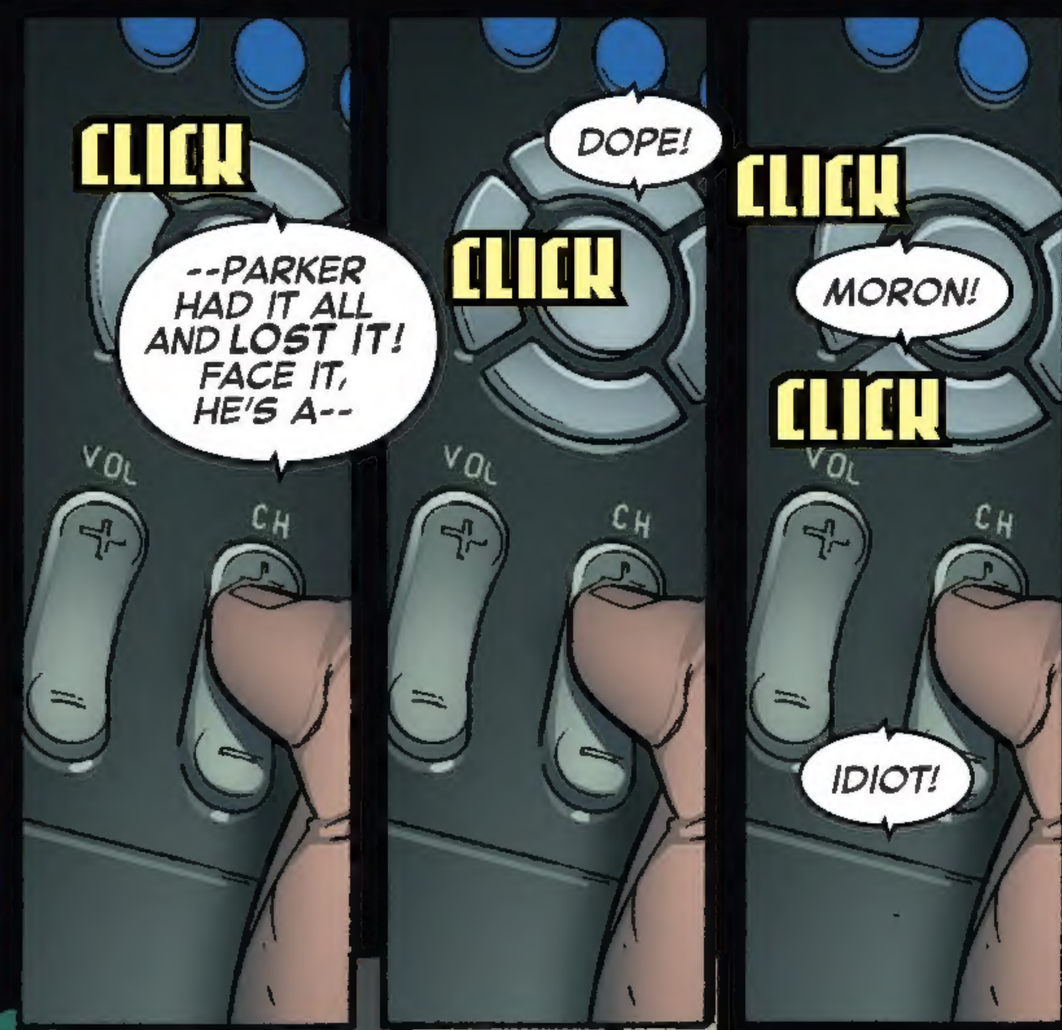


DON'T BLAME ME.
IT'S YOUR SHIRT.
ASK ME ABOUT MY
SO THIS IS ME NOW. PETER PARKER.
EX-BILLIONAIRE C.E.O.
WORLD'S BIGGEST LOSER.

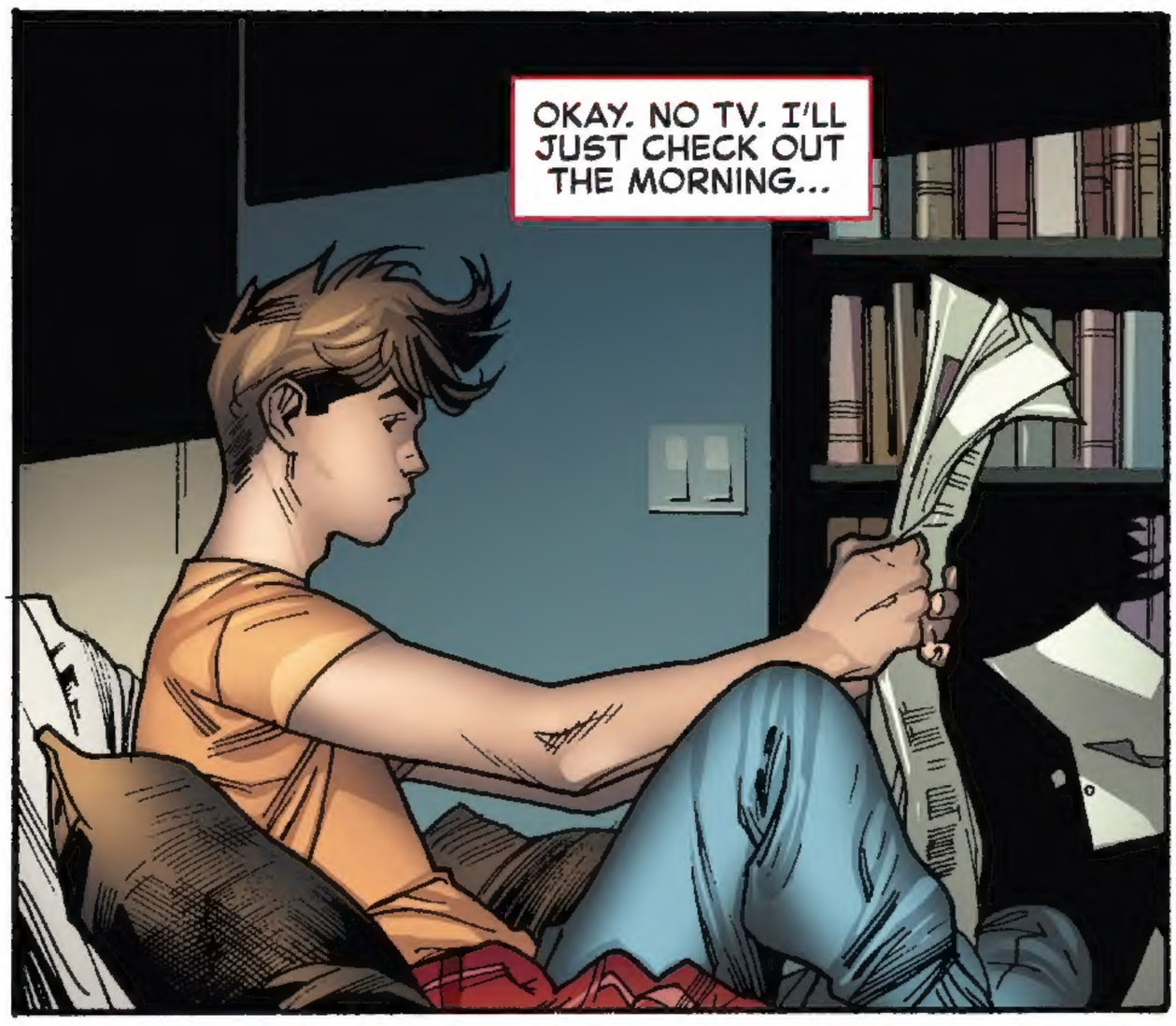
AVOIDER OF CALLS.
HARRY
MISSED CALL.
MISSED CALL.
CALLING...
BZZT BZZT BZZT

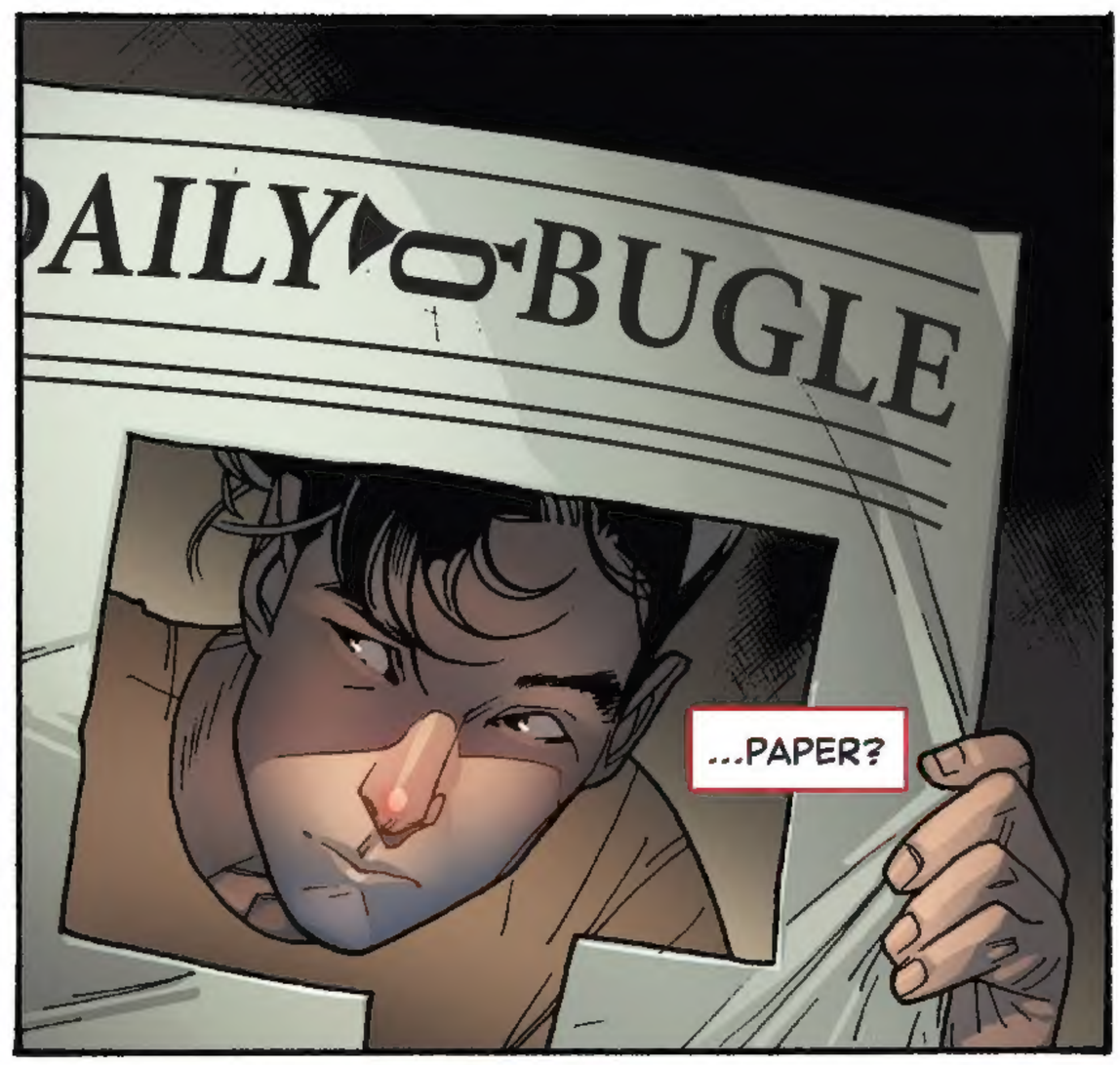
CLICK
SURFER OF COUCH.
LOOK ON MY WORKS, YE MIGHTY, AND DESPAIR.

--STORY OF THE YEAR CONTINUES TO BE THE METEORIC RISE AND FALL OF PARKER INDUSTRIES.
THE GROSS INCOMPETENCE OF COMPANY C.E.O. "WUNDERKIND," PETER--


CLICK
--PARKER HAD IT ALL AND LOST IT! FACE IT, HE'S A--
DOPE!
CLICK
CLICK
MORON!
CLICK
IDIOT!
VOL
CH

YEAH. THAT'S ENOUGH CABLE NEWS. MAYBE A MOVIE...
I DON'T NEED ONE OTHER THING. NOT ONE--OH-- I NEED THIS.
THE PADDLE GAME AND THE CHAIR. AND THE REMOTE CONTROL. AND THE MATCHES. FOR SURE.
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM? SOME KIND OF A JERK OR SOMETHING?
ASK ME ABOUT MY
CLICK


OKAY. NO TV. I'LL JUST CHECK OUT THE MORNING...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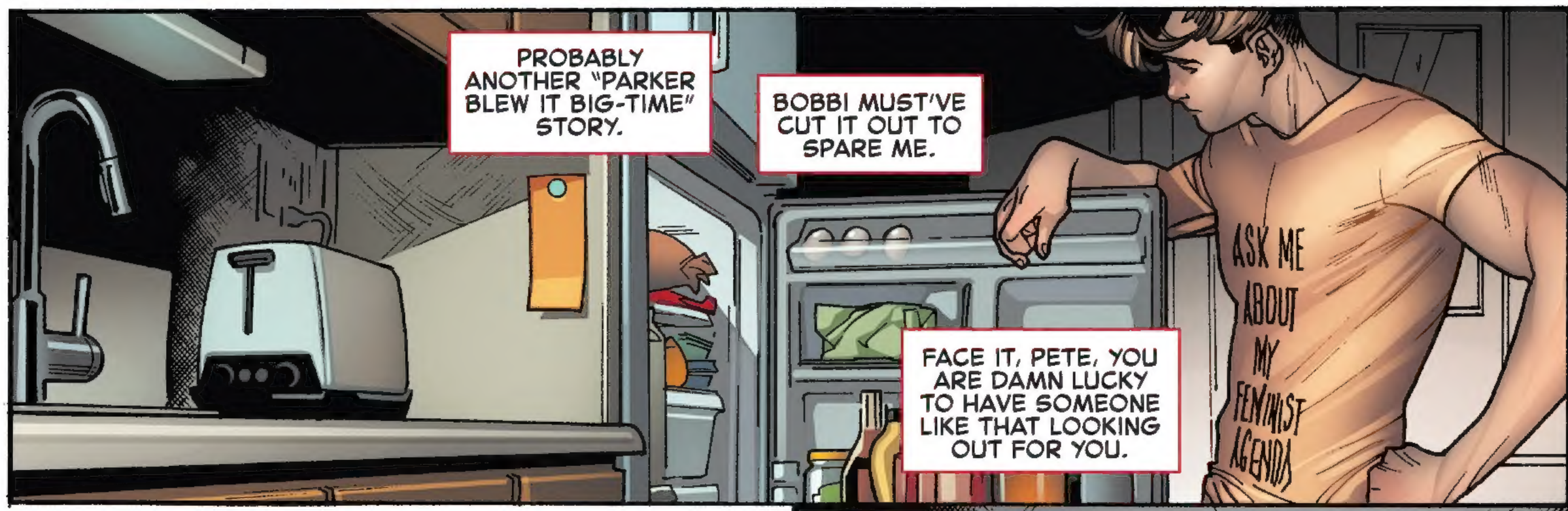
...PAPER?


PROBABLY ANOTHER "PARKER BLEW IT BIG-TIME" STORY.
BOBBI MUST'VE CUT IT OUT TO SPARE ME.
FACE IT, PETE, YOU ARE DAMN LUCKY TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT LOOKING OUT FOR YOU.
ASK ME ABOUT MY FEMINIST AGENDA

NOT Peter's
Bobbi
Bobbi
ALL Bobbi's

HAHA
PETER PARKER: THREAT OR MENACE?
FROM RAGS TO RICHES AND RAGS AGAIN: HOW ONE MAN SINGLE-HANDEDLY DESTROYED AN EMPIRE OVERNIGHT
by Joe Robertson.
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UPPER EAST SIDE. THE HOME OF HARRY LYMAN, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HARRY OSBORN.

PETE, PICK UP. IT'S HARRY. AGAIN.

I KNOW YOU'RE BUMMED. YOUR COMPANY'S BEING SOLD OFF BIT BY BIT, AND THAT SUCKS...

...BUT I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL. THERE ARE SOME HARD CALLS TO MAKE, AND IT REALLY SHOULD BE *YOU* WHO'S--

HA!

STANLEY! DADDY NEEDS THAT.

LIZ? LITTLE HELP?

MOMMM!

OH, I CAN HELP! IS THIS A BID FOR THE *BAXTER BUILDING?*

'CAUSE AS THE HEAD OF *ALCHEMAX*, I CAN TELL YOU...

...I'LL GLADLY TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS FOR *THREE* TIMES AS MUCH.

OH, DEAR...

EMMA!

YES, MR. LYMAN.

COME ALONG, NORMIE. WHY DON'T WE ALL GO INTO THE KITCHEN AND HAVE A SNACK.

MOMMY AND DADDY NEED SOME ALONE TIME.

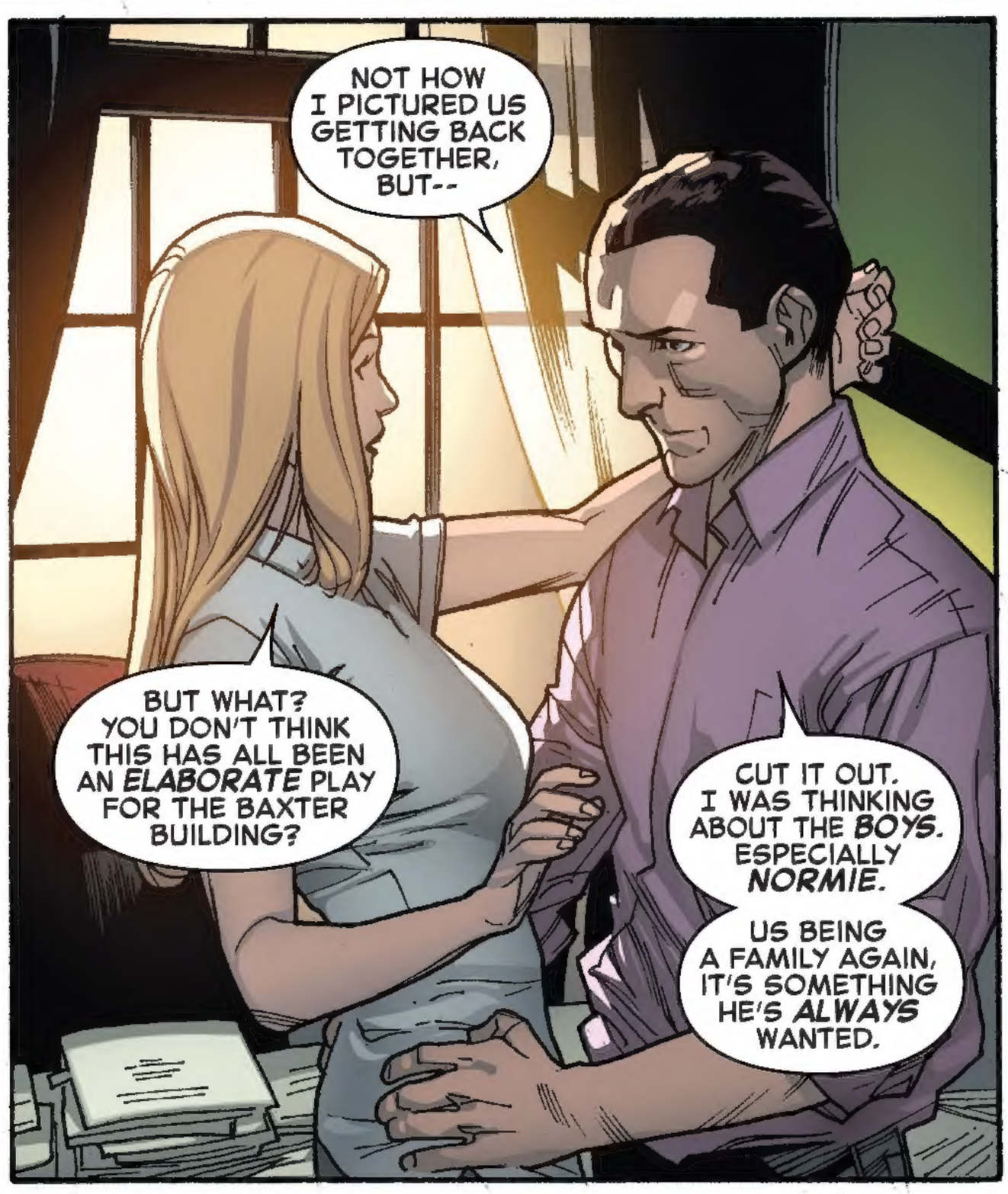
PUH-LEASE. I *KNOW* WHAT THEY'RE DOING, EMMA.

THAT'S MOM'S "HOSTILE TAKEOVER" FACE.

JUST THINK, HARRY...IF YOU HADN'T RACED HOME BEFORE ALL OF NEW YORK GOT SEALED IN AN ENERGY BUBBLE*...

...WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TRAPPED *TOGETHER*. WITH NOTHING TO DO. AND THINKING THE WORLD MIGHT END AT ANY MOMENT.

*SEE THE SECRET EMPIRE EVENT. --SECRET NICK



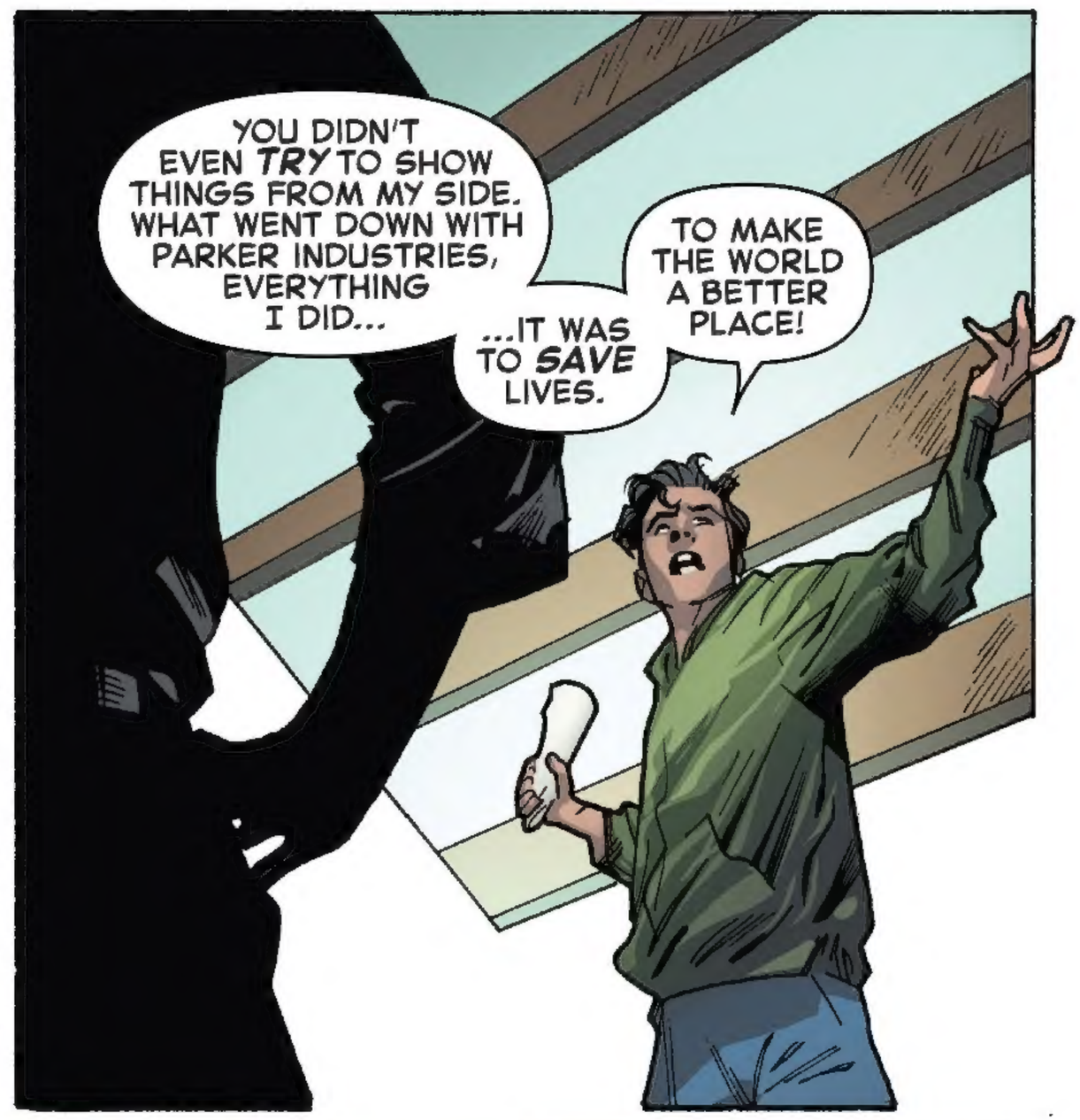
MIDTOWN.
THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE.
YEAH, HARRY. IT'S STILL ON. I'LL TEXT YOU THE ADDRESS. ONE THING THOUGH...
...I INVITED LIZ, TOO. THAT'S NOT GONNA BE WEIRD, IS IT?
GOOD. GLAD YOU CALLED. SO FAR I'VE GOTTEN THE WORD OUT TO EVERYONE EXCEPT--
"PETER PARKER...

"...THREAT OR MENACE?!"
ARE YOU GUYS SERIOUS?!
WHERE'S JOE ROBERTSON? WE GOTTA TALK! ROBBIE!

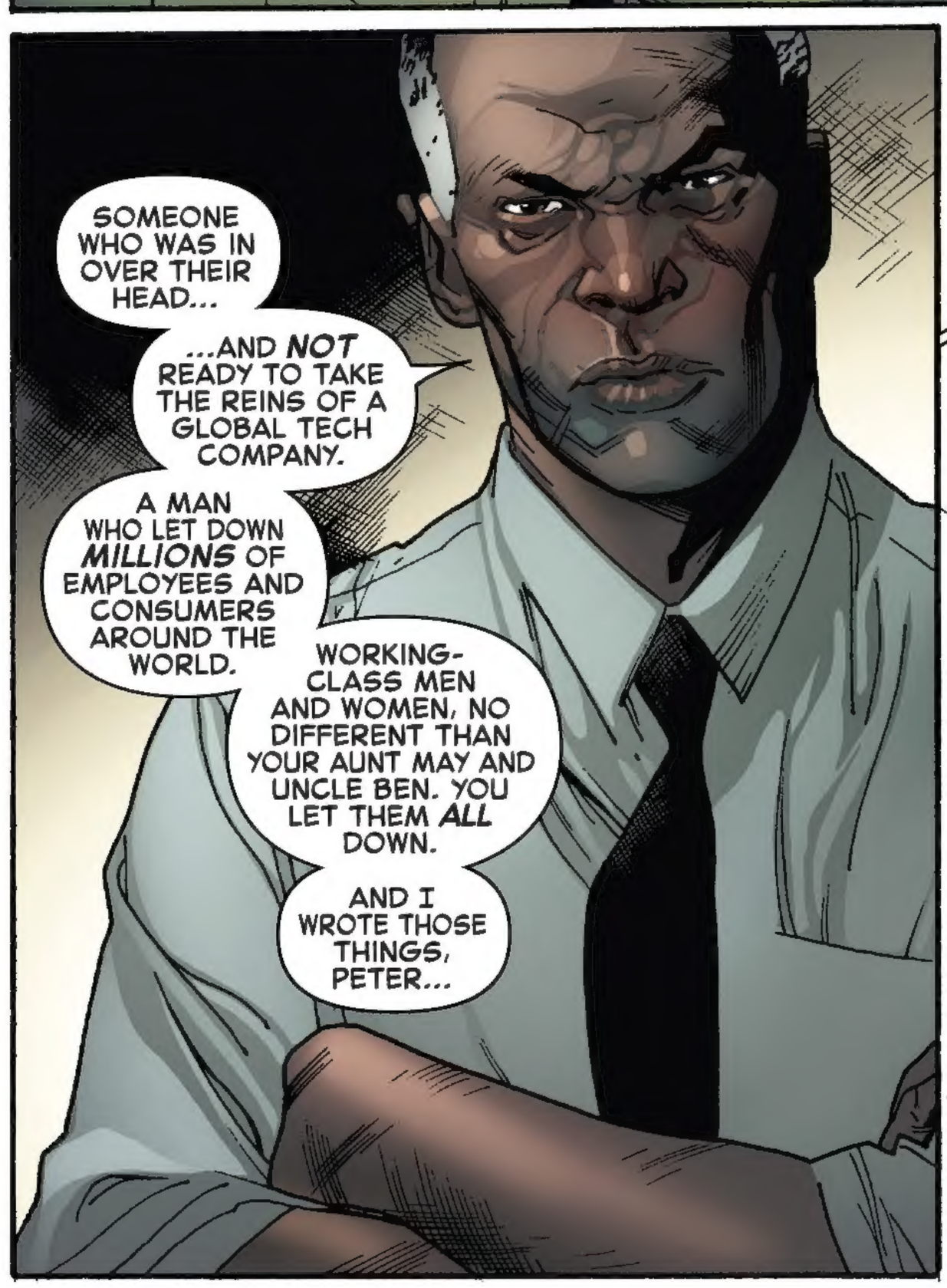
ONE SEC.
COLIN, THIS LEAD FEATURE IN TOMORROW'S SCIENCE SECTION...
...IT'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE. OUR REGULAR READERS WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW IT.
I FAIL TO SEE WHAT'S SO HARD TO GRASP ABOUT PYM'S THIRD LAW OF MOLECULAR COMPRESSION.

LET'S PUT A PIN IN THAT.
ALL RIGHT, PETER, NOW WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN WALK INTO MY PAPER AND TALK TO ME LIKE THAT?

I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS, JOE.
HOW COULD YOU WRITE THIS JUNK ABOUT ME?

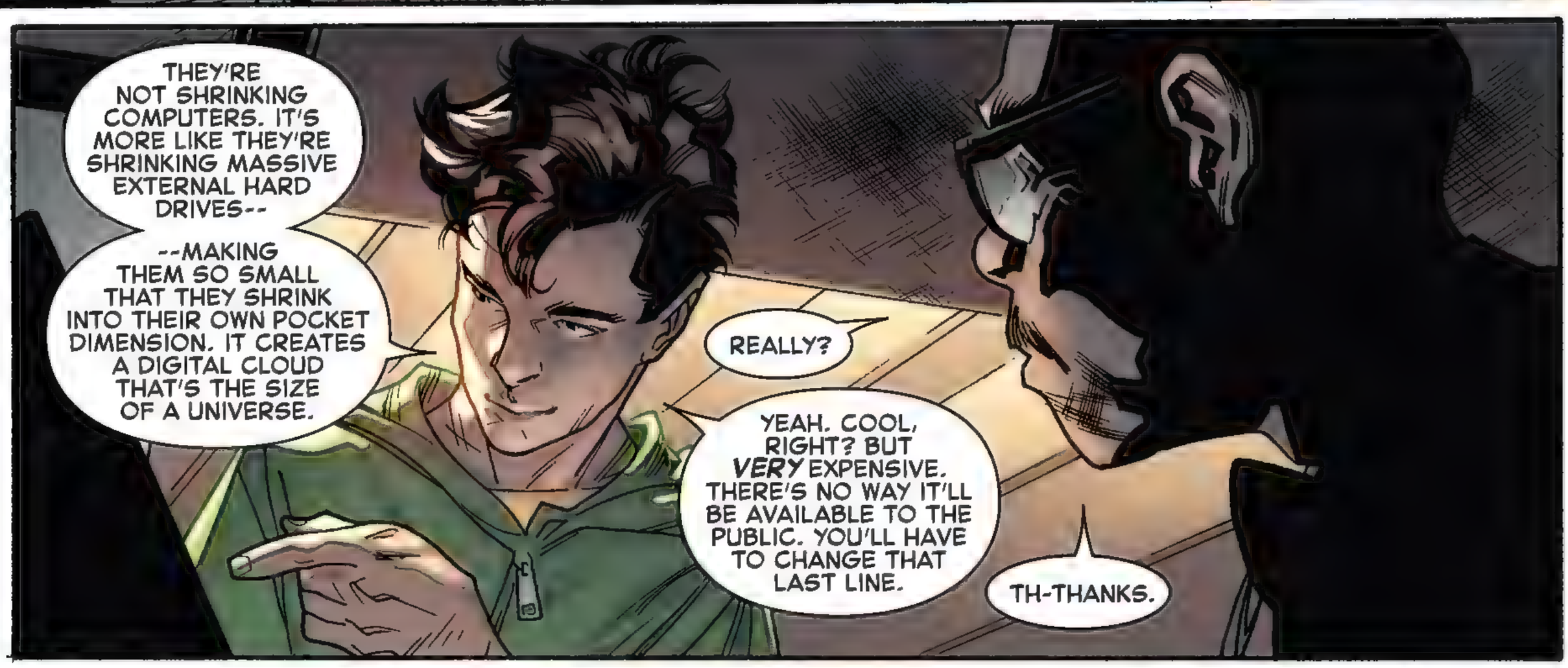

YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO SHOW THINGS FROM MY SIDE. WHAT WENT DOWN WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES, EVERYTHING I DID...
...IT WAS TO SAVE LIVES.
TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

I HELPED STOPPED THE SPREAD OF THE CARRION VIRUS!
FREED THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SYMKARIA!
AND SACRIFICED ALL I HAD TO STOP MY COMPANY'S RESOURCES FROM FALLING INTO DOC OCK AND HYDRA'S CONTROL!
YOU BARELY TOUCH ON ANY OF THAT. INSTEAD YOU PAINT ME AS--


SOMEONE WHO WAS IN OVER THEIR HEAD...
...AND NOT READY TO TAKE THE REINS OF A GLOBAL TECH COMPANY.
A MAN WHO LET DOWN MILLIONS OF EMPLOYEES AND CONSUMERS AROUND THE WORLD.
WORKING-CLASS MEN AND WOMEN, NO DIFFERENT THAN YOUR AUNT MAY AND UNCLE BEN. YOU LET THEM ALL DOWN.
AND I WROTE THOSE THINGS, PETER...

...BECAUSE THEY'RE TRUE.
...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

SORRY. I'LL SEE MYSELF--
UM. THAT'S COMPLETELY WRONG.
WHAT?
THE NEW PYM MICRO-PROCESSORS DON'T HAVE MORE MEMORY BECAUSE THEY'RE COMPRESSING MATTER.


THEY'RE NOT SHRINKING COMPUTERS. IT'S MORE LIKE THEY'RE SHRINKING MASSIVE EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES--
--MAKING THEM SO SMALL THAT THEY SHRINK INTO THEIR OWN POCKET DIMENSION. IT CREATES A DIGITAL CLOUD THAT'S THE SIZE OF A UNIVERSE.
REALLY?
YEAH. COOL, RIGHT? BUT *VERY* EXPENSIVE. THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THAT LAST LINE.
TH-THANKS.

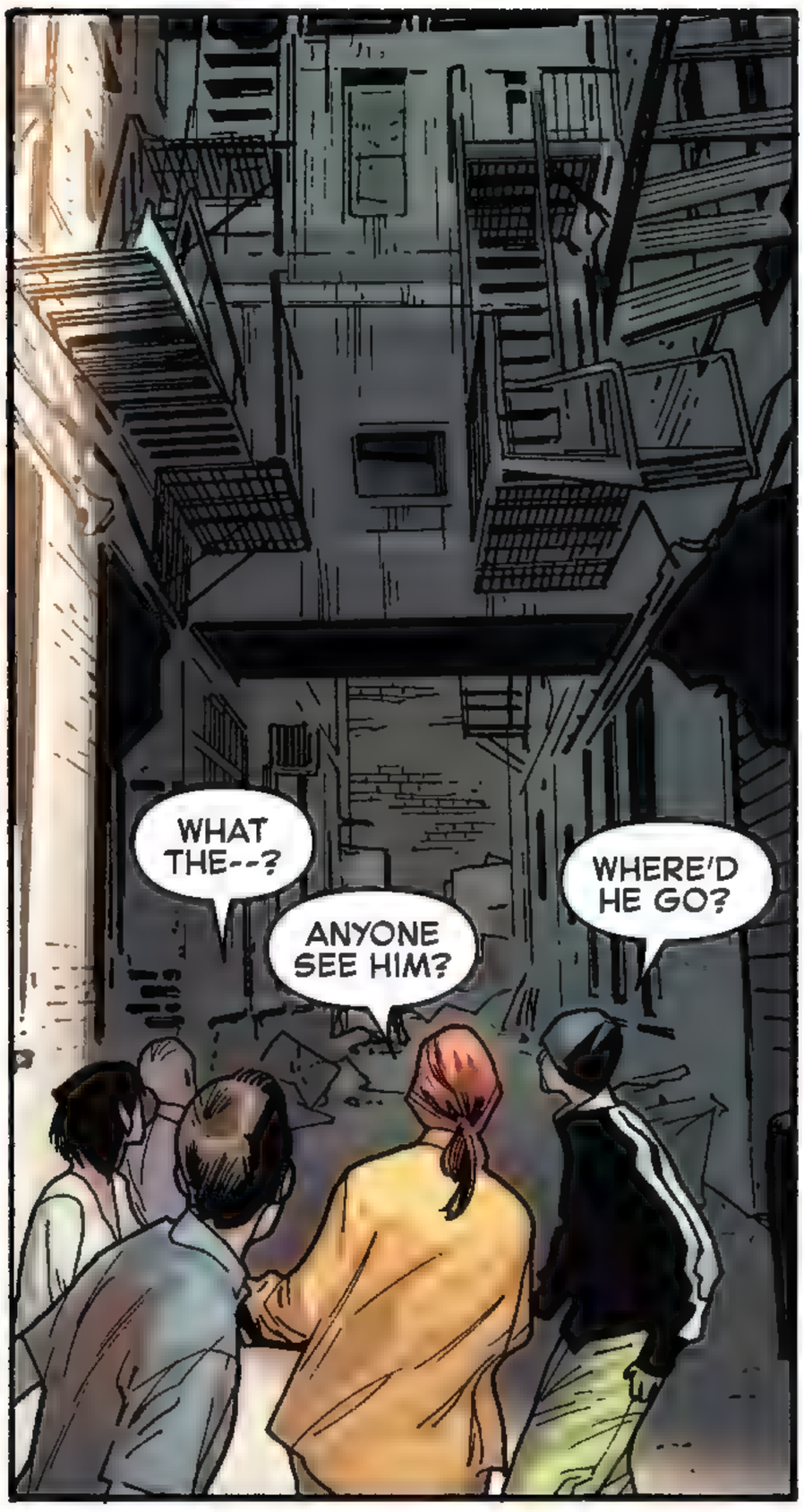
HEY, PETE. YOU'RE A TOUGH GUY TO GET A HOLD OF. ROUGH DAY, HUH?
ACTUALLY, BETTY, MORE LIKE A ROUGH *MONTH.*
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED, SIR? A *PARTY.*

SON OF A--
HE'S RIGHT. I SEE IT NOW. IT ALL MAKES PERFECT SENSE.
IT DOES, DOESN'T IT?
WAIT. YOU COULD *FOLLOW* ALL OF THAT?
YES.
YES, I COULD.

THAT BACK THERE, THAT WAS PAINFUL. AN ALL-NEW LOW.
THERE'S FEW PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET I RESPECT MORE THAN JOE ROBERTSON, AND I HAD TO GO MOUTH OFF TO HIM.
WHY? BECAUSE I SCREWED UP AND HE CALLED ME ON IT.
AND IF ROBBIE THINKS I'M A SCREW-UP, THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
HEY! IT'S YOU! THAT PARKER GUY! YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING, YOU KNOW THAT?
MY SISTER WORKED FOR PARKER INDUSTRIES. NOW SHE'S OUT OF A JOB!
I'M SORRY. I...
YOU PUT THAT BIG ENERGY DOME OVER THE CITY!
UM. NO. THAT WAS ALL FAKED. IT NEVER--
ALL MY WEDDING PICTURES WERE ON MY PARKER DEVICE! NOW THEY'RE GONE!
I HAD STOCK IN YOUR COMPANY! WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR THAT?! YOU?!
IT'S THAT GUY!
PARKER!
GET 'IM!
ALL RIGHT, I TAKE IT BACK...

...THIS IS MY NEW LOW!
--OWE ME MONEY!
BOUGHT ALL A' YOUR STUPID CRAP!
--RUINED 'CAUSE OF YOU!
PARKERRRR!
WE'RE PAYING EVERYONE BACK! I PROMISE!
PLEASE! JUST...

...LEAVE ME ALONE!


WHAT THE--?
ANYONE SEE HIM?
WHERE'D HE GO?

SO IT'S OFFICIAL, EVERYONE HATES ME.

WELL, MAYBE NOT EVERYONE...

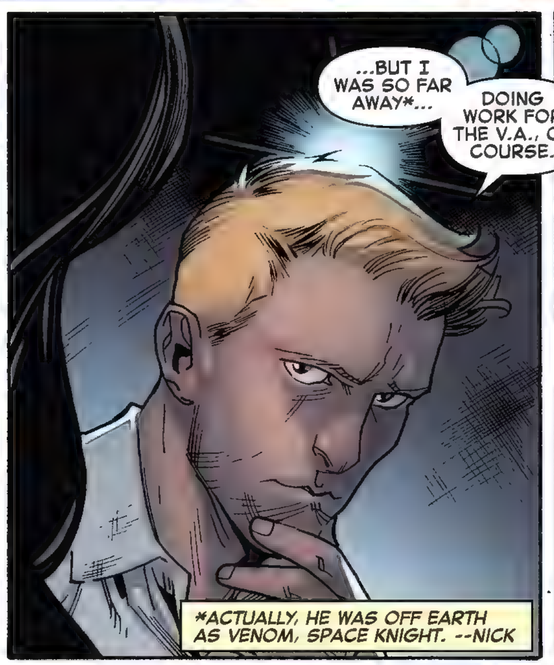
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR EUGENE...

...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOUUU!

THAT'S CORPORAL EUGENE TO YOU! THANKS, GUYS!

GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN THE BIG CITY, PAL.

C'MON, FLASH-MAN! BLOW OUT THE CANDLES AND MAKE A WISH ALREADY!



I'M HOME. AND WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP...

...TO? WOW. THE SAME EXACT SPOT.
HAVE YOU EVEN MOVED SINCE I'VE BEEN GONE?
TRUST ME. IT'S FOR THE BEST. I'M TALKING FATE OF THE WORLD HERE.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? I'M A THREAT. A MENACE. MUST BE STOPPED. AND THIS COUCH HAS STOPPED ME.
THE COUCH OF DOOM. I'VE FINALLY MET MY MATCH.

AT LEAST TELL ME YOU DID THE LAUNDRY.
AH. WELL... UM. I'LL GET RIGHT ON THAT...

FWAP
HEY...
...THIS IS NOT LAUNDRY.
NOPE. IT'S NOT. GET DRESSED. WE'RE GOING OUT.

ADMIT IT. THIS FEELS A LOT BETTER, DOESN'T IT?
...
YEAH. UP HERE ON PATROL, EVERYTHING'S JUST... CLEARER.
SPIDER-MAN AND MOCKINGBIRD. LOOKING FOR SOME BAD GUYS!
YO! GETTING SOMETHING ON MY POLICE SCANNER.
SUPER VILLAIN IN TIMES SQUARE. COPS ARE ON THE SCENE... AND DOWN!
BETTER HURRY! WHO'S THE CROOK AND WHAT'S THE CRIME?
AWW! YOU REMEMBERED OUR THEME SONG!
"JOHNNY HORTON, A.K.A. THE GRIFFIN! AND HE'S...UM...
"...HE'S STEALING EMPANADAS."
NYPD

GRIFFIN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAN? YOU'RE ROBBING FOOD TRUCKS NOW?
NOT BANKS, OR JEWELRY STORES, OR ARMORED CARS?
FOOD TRUCKS?
YEAH! WHAT ABOUT IT?
WHEN I PINCH DIAMONDS, I GOTTA FENCE 'EM. IF I GRAB CASH, I'M STILL USING IT TO PAY FOR STUFF.
SO I FIGURE, WHY NOT CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN...
...AND TAKE THE STUFF?
SEE, THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED WHEN THAT BIG ENERGY BUBBLE WENT UP OVER THE CITY.
IT'S ALL JUST A BIG JUNGLE OUT HERE. AND ME? I'M KING OF THE BEASTS.
THAT MEANS FROM NOW ON, I TAKE WHATEVER I WANT WHEN I WANT.
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU, JOHNNY? THAT'S NOT WHAT GREAT POWER IS ALL ABOUT!
IT'S NOT WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU, IT'S WHAT YOU CAN--
OH, SHUT YOUR SPIDER-HOLE!
WHAT?!
YOU HEARD ME! WHERE DO YOU GET OFF MAKING SPEECHES? PLAYING THE HERO?
WE'VE ALL SEEN WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO! YOU WEREN'T UNDER THAT DOME WITH REST OF US!
I WAS OFF FIGHTING DOC OCK!
YOU WERE OFF GALLIVANTIN' AROUND THE GLOBE WITH YOUR PAL, PARKER!
YOU CAN WEB-OFF FOR ALL WE CARE! WE GOT THIS!
AW, C'MON! CUT ME SOME--

SWAKKK
OW!
HEH! THAT'S WHATCHA GET FOR NOT WATCHING YOUR BACK!
AAGH!
ZZAT
MOCKINGBIRD!
I WAS SOFTENING HIM UP FOR YOU.
YOUR TURN!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S WRAP THIS UP BEFORE ANYONE ELSE GETS HURT!
FWAM
LIKE YOU CARE!
YOU WRECKED MY CAR, YOU STUPID JERK!
MINE TOO! YOU GONNA GET PARKER TO PAY FOR THAT?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU PEOPLE?
HE'S NOT WORKING FOR PARKER ANYMORE!
SPIDEY WALKED AWAY WITH NOTHING! BUT HE'S STILL DOWN HERE! FIGHTING FOR YOU!
BOO FRICKIN' HOO.
HERE, WEB-HEAD. LET ME PUT YOU OUTTA YOUR MISERY!
MY TRUCK! PLEASE!
IT'S ALL I HAVE!
GNN!
KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE!
DON'T WORRY, PAL. I GOT IT.

REALLY?! YOU'RE *NOT* LETTING GO, ARE YA?

NO! THIS TRUCK IS THAT GUY'S WHOLE *LIFE*, HORTON!

AND I'M GONNA *SAVE* IT! 'CAUSE *THAT'S* WHAT I DO!

HA! YOU'RE MAKING THIS *WAY* TOO EASY!

HE'S NOT GETTING IT, SPIDEY. SOME GUYS NEVER DO...

...UNTIL YOU GET *THEM* WHERE IT *REALLY* HURTS.

ZZTTT

D'OH!

PHEW! THERE YA GO. NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS NEW...

...BUT STILL IN ONE PIECE.

BLESS YOU, SPIDER-MAN! FOR YOU, MY FRIEND, FREE EMPANADAS FOR *LIFE!*

TODAY'S SPECIAL COMES WITH FRIED HUEVOS.

CAN'T... BELIEVE... YOU DID THAT...

PLEASE. EVERYTHING'S STILL IN THE SAME PLACE.

SPIDEY!

SPIDEY!

SPIDEY!

SPIDEY!

NOT FOR PETER PARKER.

BUT Y'KNOW WHAT? FORGET THAT GUY. WHO NEEDS HIM?

'CAUSE WHENEVER I WANT, I CAN BE

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

TO BE CONTINUED...

COMING SOON IN THE PAGES OF...

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HEY, WEB-HEADS!
LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!
WRITE INTO SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM
AND MARK YOUR MESSAGE
"OK TO PRINT."

THINGS GET **HEATED** BETWEEN SPIDEY AND HIS BEST PAL **HUMAN TORCH**

IT'S A CAN'T-MISS DATE NIGHT WHEN SPIDEY TAKES ON A TEAM OF KILLER ROBOTS WITH **MOCKINGBIRD**

WAITASEC! IS THIS **VENOM** WITH EDDIE BROCK AND FLASH THOMPSON?!

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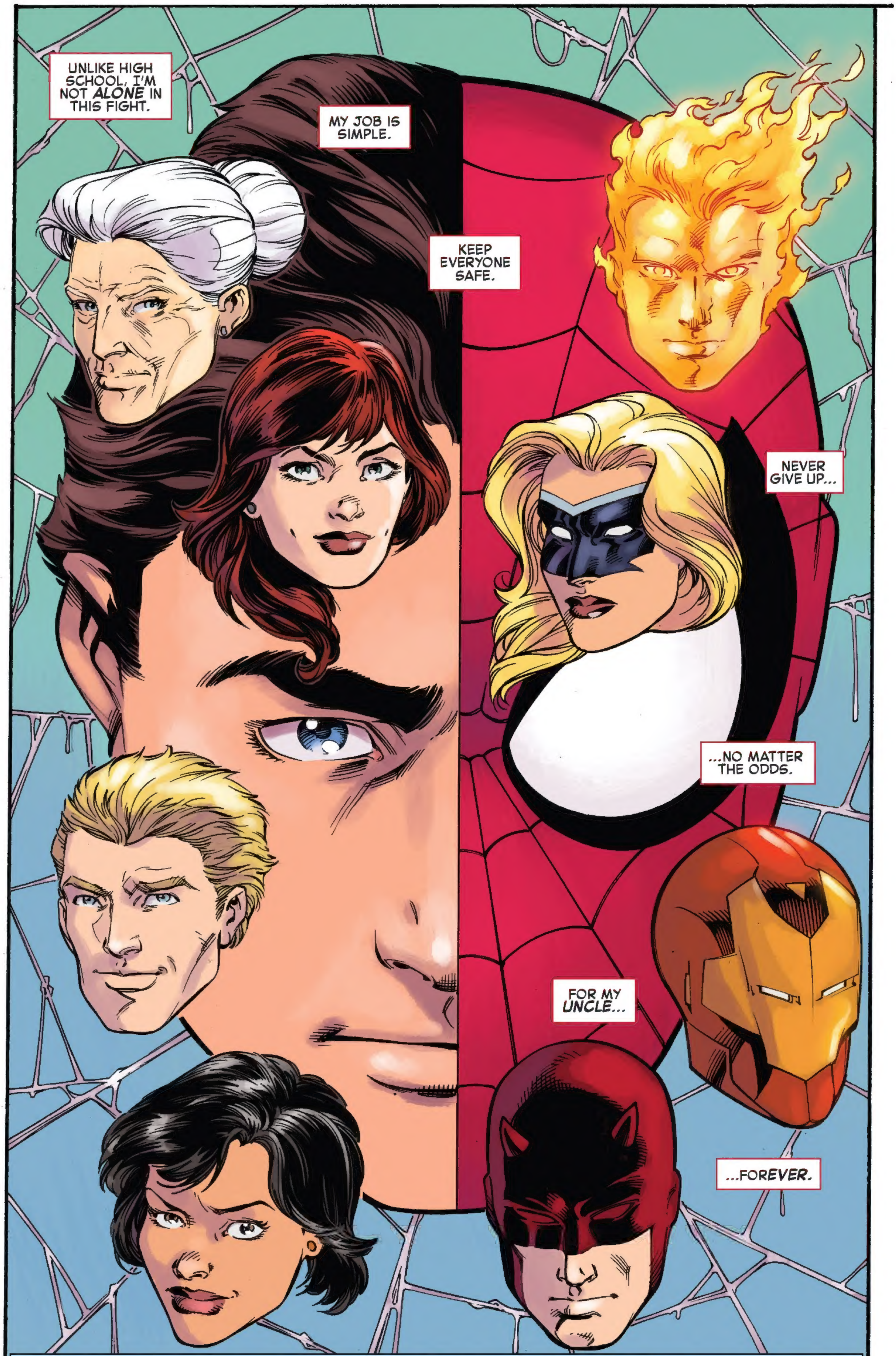
MY NAME IS PETER PARKER.
AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT YOU'D CALL POPULAR IN HIGH SCHOOL.
(IN FAIRNESS, I'M NOT REALLY POPULAR NOW, BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO?)
MY LIFE CHANGED FOREVER WHEN I WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER.
THE SPIDER BITE GAVE ME POWERS BEYOND MY IMAGINATION-- AS EVIDENCED BY WHAT I DID WITH THOSE POWERS AT FIRST...
THIS FOOLISHNESS.
AFTER YEARS OF BEING PICKED ON, I DECIDED TO GET WHAT WAS MINE. I WAS THE SMARTEST KID IN MY CLASS... BUT I WAS SO STUPID.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE TRUE POWER I HAD BEEN GIVEN...
HEY, STOP THAT GUY!
NOT MY PROBLEM, PAL!
...UNTIL IT WAS MUCH TOO LATE.
I CAUGHT THE MAN WHO KILLED MY UNCLE AND SENT HIM TO JAIL. IN THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED WHAT I MUST DO WITH MY POWERS.
UNCLE BEN WAS MY HERO. HE ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT WITH GREAT POWER, THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
BEN PARKER
HE WAS LOVED
SO, IN HIS HONOR, I BECAME...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
I TRIED TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE.

YOU CAN SEE HOW THAT'S WORKED FOR ME SO FAR.
I'LL SAY THIS MUCH...

...IT'S NEVER BORING.
AND THE BEST PART?



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